

# **AAHC Committees**

## **(1) Education Committee**

Goal: Will provide guidance, recommendations, and assistance to Buncombe County and Asheville City Boards of Education in creating educational offerings (including curriculum) to ensure that students have an opportunity to acquire knowledge of African American history and heritage; locally, nationally, and internationally.

Members (Al Whitesides, Jan Goffney, Isaac Coleman, Phyllis Utley).

### **Work Plan Goals:**

#3- Meet with local school officials to discuss from Africa to Asheville School Enrichment Program.

#6-Develop a plan for an annual African American Conference/Workshop.

## **(2) Public Relations**

Goal: To increase public awareness of the African American Heritage Commission of Asheville and Buncombe County by providing information compiled by the AAHC and community partnerships.

Members (Johnnie Grant, Sasha Mitchell, Marvin Chambers)

### **Work Plan Goals:**

#4 a-Develop a comprehensive public relations, marketing, and community outreach program.

#5 -Launch an online newsletter and solicit print media to highlighting news about people involved with African American historic preservation in the county.

#7 -Develop a Preserving Our Places in History Award(s). The award(s) are intended to recognize the efforts being made by a number of individuals and organizations to preserve the legacy of the African American presence in Asheville and also to encourage others in these efforts.

## **(3) Community Outreach**

Goal: To promote the role of African Americans in Asheville and Buncombe County, and implement best practices in public strategic partnerships with community liaisons, stakeholders, and organizations.

Members (Sasha Mitchell, Angel Redman, Isaac Coleman)

### **Work Plan Task:**

#1 -Develop a Comprehensive Needs Assessment and community inventory to support future work plans of the Commission.

#4b-Develop a comprehensive community outreach program.

#8-Host an annual community forum to discuss efforts to preserve the legacy of the African American presence in Buncombe County.

#### **(4)Historical Marker**

Goal: To identify places in Buncombe County of significant African American History and Heritage that would qualify for a Historical Marker Project and Program

Members (Al Whiteside, Sasha Mitchell, Marvin Chambers)

##### **Work Plan Task:**

#2 Develop a Historical Marker project and program.

#### **(5)Nominations Committee**

Goal: To review application of possible candidates to the AAHC, and make recommendations to both Asheville City Council and Buncombe County Commissioners.

Members (Johnnie Grant, Marvin Chambers, Angel Redman).